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Prophecy and Civilization.

Since no one else has seemed to think of it, Dr. George Edward Flow and The Journal jointly have decided to call attention to the fact that the air fighting in Europe was foreseen and prophesied accurately by Tennyson long before an air ship ever floated from the ground. We read that the air fighting is to be continued on even a larger scale than ever and whole fleets may yet be engaged. Think of the Zeppelin raids over England and the clash of the hostile air craft all along the battle lines, and then see how perfectly Tennyson foretold it in Locksley Hall:

"For I dipt into the future far as human eye could see,
Saw the vision of the world and the wonder that would be;

"Saw the heavens filled with commerce, argosies of magic sails,
Pillots of the purple twilight, dropping down with costly bales;

"Heard the heavens filled with shouting and there faintly a ghastly dew
From the nations' airy navies grappling in the central blue;

"Far along the world-wide whisper of the south-wind rushing warm,
With the standards of the peoples plunging through the thunder storm."

How does the man who sees visions know that they will one day be realized? He sees simply what must be, and if he sees that it must be, he knows that some day the practical man will come along and find a way to bring it about.

But Tennyson's vision was meant as a foresight of developing civilization. The horror of its truthfulness recalls the story of the westerner and the Chinaman in the early days. Among those who had staked off claims to new lands was a modest son of the Celestial empire. A claim jumper came along and tore up the Chinaman's stakes and proceeded to put up his own. To the surprise of everybody the Chinaman out with a gun and shot the jumper dead. The latter's friends gathered together and held a sort of post mortem. One of them lifted the dead man's jacket and found with what precision the Chinaman had put a ball through the heart, and remarked, "d—med if these pig tails ain't becoming civilized."

Some Stale Ones.

People who occasionally write for the newspaper, and even experienced writers who ought to know better, get into the habit of using certain words and phrases which become tiresome. They have run to seed and should be avoided.

"The week-end" has become a joke. Why not sometimes say the last of the week, or the latter part of the week, or Friday and Saturday, if those are the days meant? "Practically" and "approximately" have been worn out by reporters, from those of the Associated Press down.

When an automobile is run into some other object would it not be possible to say something other than "crashed into"?

Careless writers have fallen into the habit of saying, "Mr. and Mrs. Jones and family" this makes only the children the "family," whereas Mr. and Mrs. Jones are also part of the family, even if unimportant these days. Say Mr. Jones and family, or Mr. and Mrs. Jones and children.

"Rev. Smith" is strictly the lingo of the colored brother. If you don't know brother Smith's initial say "Rev. Mr. Smith."

A favorite error of some newspaper writer on the daily press is what is known as the "suspended participle", thus: "While walking down street this morning a runaway horse nearly ran over Mr. Johnson." This means that the horse was walking down the street at the same time he was running away, whereas the writer means to say that while Mr. Johnson was walking down the street he was nearly run over.

"Well-filled baskets" has become a nuisance, that is the expression, not the baskets. A Union county picnic basket is likely to have enough in it. So let's say the "public is invited to bring baskets."

There are many other expressions that are trite stale or meaningless that every writer should avoid. It is not merely the occasional writer who uses them but even the experienced or professional ones.

We pass it up to Judge Rufus Clark to add a few remarks to ours. We do not call on Dr. Johnson because he is one of the sinners.

WHY I GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Fourteen Reasons Why It Is Well For People to Come Together Every Sunday.

1. Because it is a good influence.
2. Because it lets people know I stand for the church.
3. Because I learn the Bible lessons.

4. Because I learn the stories that are of interest to all the world, and, sooner or later, I will have the chance to pass them on.

5. Because one who knows the Bible cannot be ignorant, and to learn the simple interpretation of it gives me ideas I would never get otherwise.
6. Because people learn lessons of the world for six days. Why not learn lessons of spiritual and moral life the seventh?

7. Because anything that brings people together in a good cause is to be desired.

8. Because church is primarily for the elder people, but the young can get much good from it; Sunday school is principally for the younger but the older can get much from it.

9. Because churches sometimes deal with doctrine which many do not comprehend; the Sunday school always deals with the simple story of Christianity which all can understand.

10. Because the Sunday school has charts, pictures and other aids to the imagination and intelligence.

11. Because the Sunday school will always be a sweet memory.

12. Because it puts me in touch with the little children to whom Christ said, "Suffer little children"—

13. Because the sweet, pure wording of the Bible takes away my ignorance of this English language of ours.

14. Because if I stayed at home I might be tempted to spend my time on cooking and other matters of temporary importance; if I go out to Sunday school my eyes see the glory of His firmament, my ears hear the music of His word messengers, my spirit is fed and strengthened with the story of His Word.

Investing in Humanity.

University News Letter.

The Carrs are using for playgrounds a fifteen acre lot in front of their mills, worth perhaps \$40,000 for mill sites. But instead they have converted it into a well kept park devoted to recreation and beauty. The playground outfit cost some \$1,100, and it is the best that money can buy. There is a baseball diamond for the boys and a basket ball grounds for the girls. A similar playground has been planned for the mill people in Carboro. The apparatus has already been ordered, and will be installed in the early spring.

These investments in fresh air, exercise and happiness for their operatives is quite of a sort with the loan fund, the hospital service, and trained nurses of the Carr mills.

We have spent six weeks in trying to get accurate information about similar investments by other textile mills in North Carolina. We know of other mill playgrounds in Raleigh and Charlotte. We should be glad to have full accounts of these and any others.

Some men are so hard to please that they are not even satisfied with themselves.

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Voters Come From All Ranks

RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED BEFORE ELECTION

The results of the November election, and the name of the next President of the United States may be published in The Journal before the polls open. This announcement is made by the National Association of Rexall druggists whose members, numbering over 8,000, are now taking a straw vote of over 2,500,000 people from all walks of life and covering every State and Territory in the Union. By special arrangement with the Union Drug Co., a member of the Rexall Association in Monroe the results of the Straw Vote will be published in this newspaper.

The fact that the members of the Druggists' Association, operate stores in towns and cities, ranging in population from 100 to 6,000,000 and scattered all over the country, and that they serve a public comprising all classes, agricultural, industrial, commercial and professional, gives to this poll a representative character.

This Straw Vote is the largest ever taken and the first of its kind to be conducted by a national commercial organization, but the drug men have perfected a system for receiving and recording the ballots, that is equalled in scope only by that of the national government. From their headquarters in Boston—the United Drug Company—the 8,000 members of the Rexall Druggists' Association are supplied with the returns. These results are mailed or telegraphed to Boston at the close of business each day. At the Association Headquarters the ballots are tabulated, and the final vote will be placed in the hands of the 8,000 Rexall Druggists before Election Day for simultaneous publication in The Rexall Stores, and in the leading newspapers of every city and town in the United States.

Watch This Newspaper for Later Returns.

Waxhaw Items.

Waxhaw Enterprise.

Messrs. W. R. Steele and G. L. McManus went to Edgemoor yesterday to exhume the body of Mr. Connie Steele, which was buried there about a year ago, and bring it here to be interred in the new cemetery. Mrs. Steele desired this to be done at the time of his death, but there was no burying ground here then. He is being brought home where loving hands can tend and keep his grave.

The Monroe Journal in telling of the new Rocky River church recently organized at Morgan's Mill, says that the congregation expects to build a brick church, and if this is done it will be the first in the county outside of Monroe. We would call our contemporary's attention to the fact that Marvin Methodist congregation has had a brick church about as long as any of the Monroe folks have.

Rev. George W. Belk, a native of Jackson township, and who has many relatives in this county, was recently chosen by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church as evangelist for the church throughout the South. The following is from the Gainesville, Ga., Herald: "It will be gratifying news to the Presbyterian church at large, to his friends here, and the friends of Dr. S. R. Belk, to learn that Rev. G. W. Belk has been chosen by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church as evangelist for the church throughout the South. Mr. Belk is one of the ablest evangelists of the Presbyterian church and combines deep spirituality with convincing logic and eloquence in a manner that is powerful and effectual on all occasions. He is not only an evangelist of force, but is literary to a high degree, and a poet of marked ability. Many of his poems are classics and have been copied throughout the nation. The General Assembly is indeed fortunate in securing his entire time to the evangelical field, which is much in need of such service as he can render the church and the cause of Christ."

What the Home Means to the Nation

Henry Van Dyke.

A noble nation of ignoble households is impossible. Our greatest peril today is in the decline of domestic morality, discipline and piety. The degradation of the poor by overcrowding in great tenements and the enervation of the rich by seclusion in luxurious palaces threaten the purity and vigor of old-fashioned American family life. If it vanishes, nothing can take its place.

Show me a home where the tone of life is selfish, disorderly or trivial, jaundiced by avarice, frivolized by fashion, or poisoned by moral skepticism; where success is worshipped and righteousness ignored; where there are two consciences, one for private and one for public use; where the boys are permitted to believe that religion has nothing to do with citizenship and that their object must be to get as much as possible from the State and do as little as possible for it; where the girls are suffered to think that because they have no votes they have no duties to the common wealth and that the crowning glory of an American woman's life is to marry a foreigner with a title—show me such a home and I will show you a breeding place of enemies of the Republic.

To the hands of women the ordinance of nature has committed the trust of training men for their country's service. A great general like Napoleon may be produced in a military school. A great diplomatist like Matternich may be developed in a court. A great philosopher like Hegel may be evolved in a university. But a great man like Washington can come only from a pure and noble home.

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